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CAMPUS

Republicans, Democrats react to State of the Union

By Kathryn Richter
& Elizabeth Edwards
City Editor & News Editor

President Barack Obama delivered his plans to reform the nation's economy during his State of the Union address on Tuesday.

The members of the EIU College Republicans and EIU College Democrats analyzed what Obama's address means for the economy, environment and college students.

Tom Zei, president of the EIU College Democrats, said he thinks Obama did a very good job of explaining what was necessary and how to help the nation during the address.

"Our boy's still got it," Zei said.

Zei is a senior political science major.

Jesse Green, president of the EIU College of Republicans, said in an email that President Obama did what he needed to do in his speech.

"In short, President Obama ad-

ressed the key points that was necessary, remained 'presidential' and made no major rhetorical gaffes," he said.

Green said he believes Obama's speech will only help him marginally and that Obama said nothing substantial to gather additional independent support or reach out to conservatives.

Green is a junior finance major.

Zei said the State of the Union address gives any president a bump in approval ratings, but he feels the bump for Obama will stick.

"I think he answered a lot of people's concerns," Zei said. "I believe it will give him a more permanent bump in the approval ratings."

Zei said he feels Obama's speech will not just resonate with his own party.

"I think it will also get a lot of independent support which is where the real money is at when it comes to elections," Zei said.

Obama made a proposal during

the address, which would require high school students to stay in school until they are 18 years of age or until they graduate high school.

Green said he thinks Obama's plan is implausible for certain parts of the country.

"I would like to see President Obama try to enforce this in Detroit where 47 percent of the adults are functionally illiterate and the high school graduation rate is around 32 percent," Green said.

While Zei said he believes there will be a higher enrollment rate in colleges if this law is enacted.

During his speech, Obama said he plans to open 75 percent of government land to offshore oil drilling, which Green said is not enough.

A government employee somewhere in Washington, D.C. is going to pick on a map where a company can and cannot drill, Green said.

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Obama: American dream in danger

By The Associated Press

Declaring the American dream under siege, President Barack Obama called Tuesday night for a flurry of help for a hurting middle class and higher taxes on millionaires, delivering a State of the Union address filled with re-election themes. Restoring a fair shot for all, Obama said, is "the defining issue of our time."

Obama outlined a vastly different vision for fixing the country than the one pressed by the Republicans challenging him in Congress and fighting to take his job in the November elections. He pleaded for an active government that ensures economic fairness for everyone, as his opponents demand that the government back off and let the free market rule.

Obama offered steps to help students afford college, a plan for more struggling homeowners to refinance their homes and tax cuts for manufacturers. He threw in some politically appealing references to accountability, including warning universities they will lose federal aid if they don't stop tuition from soaring.

Standing in front of a divided Congress, with bleak hope this election year for much of his legislative agenda, Obama spoke with voters in mind.

"We can either settle for a country where a shrinking number of people do really well, while a growing number of Americans barely get by," Obama said. "Or we can restore an economy where everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same set of rules."

STUDENT SENATE

Students address opinions on SOPA

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate will address student views today on the Stop Online Piracy Act and the Protect Intellectual Property Act as well as an expenditure request for the student executive vice president to attend an Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting in February.

The Student Senate will vote on a resolution against SOPA and PIPA, and Mitchell Gurick, a student senate member, began a letter writing campaign asking students to sign letters against the legislation.

Although SOPA and PIPA have been tabled indefinitely, Gurick said he still thinks it is important that Illinois representatives know where Eastern students stand on this issue.

"We wanted to give Eastern students a chance to let their voices be heard and showcase that voice can be heard," Gurick said.

The letter writing campaign began Friday outside of Coleman Hall and ended Monday at the University Food Court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Basically after all of the coverage and the Internet blackouts, I thought it was important for student government to do something; so we did a lettering writing campaign," Gurick said.

He said he teamed up with Student Senate members Jenna Mitchell and John Poshepny and had more than 100 participants each sign two letters.

"I am a political science major and we had discussed (the legislation) in a lot of my classes," Mitchell said.

"We are going to bring this feedback to the Student Senate, and the student body is generally against it, so it is our job to represent them."

If the resolution passes, Gurick, Mitchell and Poshepny plan to send copies of it along with the letters to Illinois Senators Mark Kirk and Dick Durbin.

"I hope (student senate members) vote yes not because of all the recent publicity, but because they genuinely want to take a stand and it is what their student constituents want," Mitchell said.

Also on the agenda is a proposal to fund travel expenses for Jarrod Scherle, the student executive vice president, to attend the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisor Committee at Joliet Junior College.

This meeting is a part of Scherle's executive duties, and he has attended three in the past year.

Scherle said he plans to collaborate with his counterparts from other institutions to discuss issues that face all student governments and higher education statewide.

"It is pretty standard, and it is required and budgeted for," Scherle said. "We will discuss our lobbying days and who we want to target. We will also be discussing performance based funding and our thoughts on it."

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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CITY



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Emily Gardewine, a junior art major and cake decorator at County Market, talks with customers Tuesday at the grand opening of the new County Market store on Fourth Street. The new store offers self-serve Caribou Coffee products, in-store Garcia's Pizza, and has a second floor with tables, sofas and a study room.

County Market showcases new location, features

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

Customers formed a lengthy line, snaking around the building, just to sneak a peek at the newly-opened County Market building on Tuesday.

Inside, County Market workers and various brand representatives greeted customers with food samples while answering questions about the new store.

Customers formed lines to sample

treats from the new self-serve Caribou Coffee machine, grabbing pieces of cake from the new state-of-the-art bakery, and picked up samples of potato salad from the deli.

Catherine Butler, the bakery manager, was passing out samples of chocolate and vanilla cake to customers during Tuesday's opening.

"If you have to work, you might as well love your job," Butler said.

Tabitha Davis, a County Market worker who works with the produce,

was handing out pens, key chains, golf tees, umbrellas, lemon faucets, juicers and citrus peelers to customers near the entrance of the store.


Davis said she loves the new store because it is bigger in size and has a larger selection of products.

The new building also features a second-story mezzanine, equipped with a closed-off study room, fireplace, comfortable couches and various tables.

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EIU weather

TODAY



Cloudy
High: 37°
Low: 27°

THURSDAY



Possible Rain
High: 45°
Low: 29°

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CITY BRIEF

The city has scheduled a hearing today on the alleged liquor license violations by the Penalty Box.

The hearing will be an opportunity for Mayor John Inyart, the city's liquor commissioner, to hear evidence of the allegations against the business, which reportedly occurred in September.

The hearing will be at 9:15 p.m. today in the City Hall.


CORRECTION

In the article "BSW says work is rewarding" in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Joe and Natalie Garling were misidentified. *The News* regrets this error.

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Jennette Grau, a sophomore music education major, helps run the craft/bake sale for Kappa Kappa Psi and the National Association for Music Education in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Tuesday, Jan. 24. The groups were selling hand-knit stuffed animals, hats, scarves, cookies, and also raffling off mixed boxes.

NRHH

NRHH to host annual leadership conference

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

The National Residence Hall Honorary will host its annual Spring Leadership Conference on Saturday in Coleman Hall.

The conference is designed to help councils get a head start on its spring semester and help students become better leaders.

Kelsey Brandt, vice president of NRHH, said the conference helps those in hall council, Residence Hall Association and NRHH leadership positions learn new ways of doing things and give them new ideas to take back to their individual residence halls.

Brandt said the hall council members and RHA members benefit from the conference because they have the opportunity to grow as a group and bring ideas back to their halls.

"The student leaders learn about what leadership is and how they can continue to make an impact in their halls," she said.

RHA president Jake Nees said he has attended past NRHH conferences.

"This year, I'm doing the roundtable discussion for RHA," he said.

He also said he did a session on positive attitude in the past.

The NRHH conference gives attendees the opportunity to meet new people and expand on ideas to bring back to their halls.

The day begins with check in at 9 a.m. in the Coleman Hall Atrium with a roll call, a keynote speaker and a series of sessions participants can attend.

Roll call kicks off the day with each hall represented. Members perform their roll call, introducing their hall and each person.

"It's a great way to break the ice in the morning and get people excited about the conference," Brandt said.

After roll call, attendees will break off into separate sessions.

"There have been a variety of sessions that have been held (in the past) including time management, programming ideas and how to run an effective meeting," Brandt said.

All programs are designed to help the attendees get the most out of their experience,

she said.

Brandt said more than 90 people have signed up to attend the conference, which is around number NRHH was expecting.

"We typically have between 90 and 100 students attending, so we are right on track this semester," she said.

The conference will feature a service component, in correlation with one of NRHH's founding pillars.

This semester, the NRHH conference attendees are donating items to the Coles County Animal Shelter, Brandt said.

"The animal shelter is an organization that is near and dear to many people's hearts," she said.

Brandt said since she is a resident assistant, she tries to get new ideas from the conference and incorporate them into her floor.

"My favorite part about the leadership conference is meeting new people, along with presenting with my friends," Brandt said.

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UNIVERSITY BOARD

Bands battle for big prize

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Four bands will be competing for a prize pack at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Khelan Todd, the mainstage coordinator for the UB, said the competition will also feature a band that is not competing.

"I think it'll be interesting because it'll be a blend of competition, but also concert," Todd said. "We wanted to add a different element to the competition, that is why we chose The Well Reds."

The Well Reds, an up-and-coming pop and alternative rock band, will open the show but will not be taking a part in the competition.

UB Chair Darius White said he is excited to feature The Well Reds at Eastern.

The Well Reds members include: Jeremy Ezell, Torin Degnats and brothers Sean and Rex Crawford.

"The Well Reds is this four member band of collective individuals who blend pop (and) alternative rock to create a unique sound from Atlanta, Georgia," Todd said.

Todd said he likes the music and is excited for the concert.

"I have been listening to their music for some time now," Todd said.

After The Well Reds performance, Todd said the bands in the competition will perform the rest of the night.

"The bands range in different sounds," Todd said. "Usually you have hard rock or narrow range of music. Instead it is a vast array of music."

White said the battle of the bands is a competition of four student bands.

Todd said the competitors are local bands and will be competing for a musician prize pack.

The prize pack includes free studio recording time, a band photo shoot and the UB care packages with many the UB items.

The winners may also receive the opportunity to play at the annual Doudna Fine Arts Center event, Celebration: A Festival of the Arts.

"It's all live music and there is something about when you see someone playing the music, instead of just hearing it in the background," Todd said. "There is something that feels good about it, it is a great feel-good event."

Todd said he thinks students will like to see how passionate the different musicians are.

"The contestants love what they do and their showmanship is great; they love to put on a show," Todd said. "It is entertaining to watch."

Todd said he hopes Eastern students come to the event.

"It is important that we support the students in their musicianship, because this is what they love to do," Todd said. "I think it will mean a lot to them if a lot of students support them."

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STUDENT LIFE

Organizations gather with common goal

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

About 25 students from different registered student organizations crowded together Tuesday to learn the history behind each other's names and become lost at sea in the South Pacific.

Organization members participated in an icebreaker and a team builder during the Student Organization Cabinet's first meeting of the semester.

Kyle Cavanaugh, a junior finance major and a member of the Student Investment Society, said he did not think the icebreaker and team builder would be beneficial in his organization because he did not think it applied to how they ran meetings, but he enjoyed meeting a diverse group of people.

"It was great to see such a diverse census of our school's population," Cavanaugh said. "Most of the time members of the same organization will have the same interests and objectives so it was interesting to see other people's views."

The icebreaker was titled "Where did you get that name?" and the participants would vote on who had the best story of how they were named.

Kaci Abolt, a junior communication studies major and the student vice president for student affairs, said the icebreaker is an effective way for organizations to learn names, and it made people more comfortable with talking with each other because everyone has an interesting story to share.

"This can be done in a group of any size whether it is a group of five or 300," Abolt said.

After a burst of laughter about the origin of his name, all but three hands shot up to vote for Johnson Glascock, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major.

"My dad really wanted a girl for his first kid, so he was very upset and endlessly searched the family tree to discover the worst name he could possibly find to torture my soul in high school; and he came up with Johnson Glascock—so I have two dicks in my name," Glascock said.

During the team builder, the organization members were also presented with a scenario where they were lost at sea and had to rank the importance of the 15 items they had.

Abolt said she wanted to steer away from the "stuffy meeting atmosphere" and thought it would be beneficial to provide organization



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Mitchell Gurick, a freshman business major and student senate member, and Kaci Abolt, junior communication studies major and vice president for student affairs, laugh during an ice breaker at the student organization cabinet meeting Tuesday in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

members with examples they could bring back to their registered student organizations.

The Student Organization Cabinet will also begin awarding the Reg-

istered Student Organization of the Month, and applications will be available in the Student Activities Center, Abolt said.

The winning organization will be

featured in the Student Life Office's newsletter titled "Leader of the Pack."

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CAMPUS

Service director finds job challenging, rewarding

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

With a cheerful outlook on life, Rachel Fisher stars in local play productions while keeping the needs of the community a top priority.

Fisher, director of student community service, received a bachelor's in theater from Marquette University in 2002.

Fisher helped oversee the Health Education Resource Center for a year while the director was on sabbatical.

When the director returned, Fisher was asked by President Bill Perry to remain at Eastern.

"Dr. Perry at that time had decided that service would be a key priority for him, so in fall 2008, he created (the office of student community service)," Fisher said.

She said she has had the privilege of being involved in the kickoff of the program and has watched it grow since.

"We not only work to maintain the community, which means to fill the current voids that exist, but we also work to enhance (the community)," she said.

From community members to nonprofits to student groups, Fisher said she loves helping the community reach new levels.

Adding new events and new focuses to the student community service program is a real highlight of her job, Fisher said.

The student community service program provides transportation to students going to volunteer on off-campus projects, and Fisher said the van rides to and from the events are often where she sees the most growth.

"On the car ride out, I do every random card game I can think of to try and make small talk in a car with up to nine people that may not know each other," she said.

Though car rides to the event can be awkward, she said the ride back is always a completely different story.

"They'll come back from events and get off the bus as one big team," she said.

Seeing students bond over volunteering and community service is one of her favorite aspects of her job, she said.

"It's just so rewarding," Fisher said.

Fisher said some parts can be a challenge and it can take time to make effective changes.

"We have a lot of passion on campus and a lot of need, but sometimes making those match up exactly can take

time," Fisher said.

Fisher said some agencies she has worked with set certain guidelines they need to meet, which prolong the process.

"My least favorite part is if I have a day where I don't have a meeting, because it means I didn't convince somebody," she said.

On those days, she said, she spends the day calling agencies and other contacts trying to get Eastern connected with the outside community.

"Even my least favorite parts of my job are still really great opportunities," Fisher said.

Fisher can most often be seen outside of her office, talking to students and organizations about service and volunteering.

"My passion comes from the innate enthusiasm that our students bring to this campus," she said.

The students are the heart and soul of the campus, Fisher said.

"We are EIU, and being EIU, we are so many different pieces of a legacy, part of which is service," she said. "To be part of a campus that every day is challenging itself to be better than the day before is thrilling."

One of the best parts of her job is

getting to see the effects of the service students provide, Fisher said.

"I've been gifted with a job that lets me see things that most people don't get to see," she said. "A typical day for me is anything, but typical."

She said she spends a lot of her time in meetings with student groups, local agencies and nonprofit organizations.

"Part of the passion of the job is that every day there's something different," she said. Fisher said she works with an inspiring team of people ranging from staff to volunteers that come in every day and ask what impact they can make that day.

"I have a little black book of about 300 ideas that I'd love to try," she said.

Her goals for the spring semester include strengthening relationships with students and student groups, as well as aiming for a 10 percent increase with new students and new faculty that are interested in service learning.

Volunteering has drastically increased across campus since the student community service office opened three and a half years ago.

"Three and a half years ago, when we

opened our doors, students had self-reported about 47 thousand hours a year," she said

Last semester alone, students self-reported about 82,000 hours, Fisher said.

However, going out and actually finding the needs of the community can be the most pressing issue for Fisher.

"Just picking up the phone book doesn't show you the need," she said.

Fisher works to find trends in pressing needs of the community and then works to match students to what they enjoy doing.

"Our goal here for every student is for them to leave here owning their responsibility and rights as a human being on this planet," she said.

Fisher said the way she connects best with the students is to meet their interests.

"At the end of the day, you can train anyone to do anything, but you can't train passion," she said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Obama outlines plans to fight tuition increases

In his State of the Union address yesterday, President Obama pushed for policies that would promote further economic recovery and job creation.

President Obama understands that we cannot build a prosperous middle class if the average American can't afford college.

"At a time when Americans owe more in tuition debt than credit card debt, this Congress needs to stop the interest rates on student loans from doubling in July," Obama said. "Extend the tuition tax credit we started that saves middle-class families thousands of dollars. And give more young people the chance to earn their way through college by doubling the number of work-study jobs in the next five years."

We are glad the president is calling on Congress to extend the tuition tax credit, as we would any call to make college more affordable. But we think doubling the number of work-study jobs in the next five years is an approach that Congress, universities and students should get behind. Too many people miss out on the opportunity of having a work-study job while in college. They provide great experience that could, and should, be a regular part of college education.

But there is danger in increasing government financing of college education, and Obama addressed it:

"Of course, it's not enough for us to increase student aid. We can't just keep subsidizing skyrocketing tuition; we'll run out of money," Obama said. He is referring to the trend in recent history that tuition rates out-pace federal funding, regardless of how much of the tuition is subsidized.

Obama continued: "States also need to do their part, by making higher education a higher priority in their budgets. And colleges and universities have to do their part by working to keep costs down. Recently, I spoke with a group of college presidents who've done just that. Some schools re-design courses to help students finish more quickly. Some use better technology. The point is, it's possible. So let me put colleges and universities on notice: If you can't stop tuition from going up, the funding you get from taxpayers will go down. Higher education can't be a luxury -- it's an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford."

We know it is possible because we've watched Eastern implement versions of these policies. Eastern makes the "Panther promise," giving administrators incentive to help students finish more quickly. Eastern is using more efficient, green technology. Both of these help the university save money and fight tuition increases.

The Republican response, delivered by Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, fell flat. Instead of proposing plans to move the nation forward, Daniels warned of the dangers of the nation's budget deficit while calling for more of the tax cuts that have left us in so much debt. Daniels predictably claimed the president disparaged business leaders. In fact, the president praised business leaders, men and women in service, and teachers.

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COLUMN

Comic books are going digital; is nothing sacred?

Wednesdays are sacred. To be a true comic book nerd is to prioritize your day to be able to go to the comic book shop in any kind of post-apocalyptic weather to pick up the new issues of your favorite comic books—in my case, X-Men. It's a time-honored ritual that I plan to force upon my children if I am ever foolish enough to give birth. However, with Marvel announcing all their new issues will go same-day digital in March, one has to wonder if Wednesdays really hold any sanctity anymore.

But this isn't just about comic books. It's about the impending demise of buying hard-copy books as we know them. To me, there is no scent more intoxicating than the smell of dust-covered books. Second-hand bookshops? Heaven. Last time I checked, a Kindle Fire can't smell like my grandfather's old book case.

I still have the first comic book I ever bought with my own money – Uncanny X-Men #221 (the original appearance of Mr. Sinister, for those of you who don't speak nerd). I was 7 years old and was forced to go garage-sailing with my mother. I was missing "Power Rangers" on television. I was not pleased. However, in the



Shelley Holmgren

distance, a comic with a cover of Wolverine being blasted by Havoc called to me like a siren's song (or at that age, it was probably the Spice Girls). In a "Wayne's World" fashion, I floated to the book and made my purchase. I was invincible.

This is a memory that's tangible, that still has the juice stains on the frayed edges, and will be something I cherish for a long time. It saddens me to think that one day, or even now, parents will read their children bedtime stories from their iPad. Try holding onto "Goodnight, Moon" when it's written in 1s and 0s. Kind of doesn't have the same nostalgic charm, right?

The news that Marvel will go same-day digital with its books is not shocking in the least. Most major publishers, in-

cluding DC, Dynamite, IDW, Image and, most recently, Dark Horse, have already adapted to the same-day digital model. I find it quite bleak that the digital model may wipe out comic book shops faster than Galactus can consume planets.

Are there benefits to having a digital reader? Absolutely. As of this month, digital reader Comixology offers more than 100 Marvel collections. This means I could have the iconic Uncanny X-Men #168, when Kitty Pryde calls Professor Xavier "a jerk" at hand whenever I fancy. Or, I can go through the fantastically wonderful trials and tribulations of haggling with eBay vendors to get my hands on the real thing. Everyone has a preference.

"Hairspray" director John Waters once said (in a much more vulgar fashion than is fit to print) that if a guy doesn't have books on his shelf, he's not worth your time. Now we'll have to ask if we can peruse his Google Reader or Kindle accounts before seduction ensues.

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FROM THE EASEL

In last Thursday's GOP debate in South Carolina, CNN's John King asked Newt Gingrich about an interview aired earlier that day in which his second wife, Marianne Ginther, claimed Gingrich asked for an open marriage. Gingrich dug deep and fired back, winning over the audience and, on Saturday, the primary.

Marianne's Response to Newt:

Let me get this straight, Newt. You left your first wife for me when she had cancer. You've been cheating on me with a staffer 23 years younger than you, while leading the charge against Bill Clinton's infidelity. I have MS. And now you're asking for an open marriage? That question is...



Newt's response to John King:

...as close to despicable As anything I can imagine!



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COLUMN

I'm sick; you're sick; we're all sick, so get over it

I have a cold.

I got the flu shot and I am still sick.

Anyone who knows me probably knows that I rarely get sick, but when I do I milk it for all it's worth because, let's be honest, the only time people let you act like a brat is when you're sick.

The other problem I have is that when I am sick I tend not to follow the normal, societal rules that other people abide by.

I, by nature, am a very affectionate person. I love to hug and 'boop' people's noses at least five times a day.

It is because of this affectionate—and endearing—behavior that I have been known to spread "the plague" in several of my different circles.

Being known as "the plague" of the newsroom and Andrews Hall is not something that someone should aspire to be. It actually sucks.

I could blame the fluctuating—dare I say, almost menopausal—weather that we have had over the past few months, but it's



Nike Ogunbodede

probably because I wear thin, long-sleeved cardigans in favor of actual winter clothes.

I detest winter clothes.

But, hypothetically, does it matter if I wear shorts with UGGs when it is minus 12 degrees outside, or if I wear a suit made out of squirrel carcasses (which I now know how to make because of my frequent viewings of "Man vs. Wild" with the ever-delicious and ever-English Bear Grylls)?

I'll let the facts speak for themselves.

According to the University of Oklahoma, I am more likely to be struck by lightning than to be eaten by a shark, but I am

also more likely to be infected by flesh-eating bacteria than struck by lightning.

Over the course of a year, Americans are infected with 1 billion colds a year, according to The Weather Channel.

America is populated with more than 312,905,518 bacteria-carrying citizens, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

What does this tell us?

Well, it tells us that either way we are damned if we wash our hands and damned if we don't.

Germes are gross, and the fact that humans are predisposed to having bacteria naturally in our bodies is enough to make me projectile.

Getting sick is a natural part of life, whether it's with the common cold or with a more serious illness, and I think I'll survive. At least this time.

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CAMPUS

University Board adds themed open mic nights

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Starting today, the University Board will be adding themed open mic nights to its new list of events.

Khelan Todd, the mainstage coordinator for the UB, said he hopes the four events will bring musicians from various music genre backgrounds.

Todd said it is different from the types of events the organization has done before.

Todd said this semester the four open mic nights will cater to a different idea.

“The first open mic will just be a general open mic, just to introduce it back to the campus for the second semester,” Todd said.

The first open mic night will be at 7 p.m. today in the 7th Street Underground.

UB Chair Darius White said the first open mic will be open to all genres of music.

“The winner of this open mic will be able to perform at the last open mic of the semester, which will be an all-star open mic,” White said.

The remaining four open mics each have a separate theme.

Todd said the different themes will help encourage different student participations.

“I think the idea behind the themes was to diversify,” Todd said. “Usually the open mics are kind of generic.”

The second open mic of the semester on Feb. 29 will be themed to fit Black History Month.

“The First Amendment: Freedom of Expression” open mic night will have an open floor for students to share their feelings.

“This open mic gives students a chance to come out and talk about anything they like, whether it is race, gender, sexuality, things of that nature,” Todd said. “They can just speak about it or do poetry about it, write a song about it.”

Students who are interested in country and western music will be focused on during the March 28 open mic night “Marching in My Boots.”

“In my time here, I’ve never had anyone sing a country song at an open mic night,” Todd said. “I am hoping to draw out that crowd.”

This open mic night’s music is not all that will have the country theme.

“We will have country and western decorations too, just to spice up the open mic,” Todd said.

The last open mic night on April 25 will be an all-star reunion.

“We will bring back the winners from all the open mics of this semester and last semester,” Todd said. “Winners from the singer-song writer competition in March, and the Battle of the Bands this week are also going to be invited to this open mic.”

Todd said he thinks the open mic is a



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Ben Parker, a management information systems major, plays a personal song on Sept. 6, 2011, titled “Hours Away” at the first Open Mike Night put on by the University Board prior to a performance by Georgia-based singer Kyshona Armstrong.

good idea because it highlights the performances throughout the year.

Todd said the “All-Star” open mic will bring together rappers, guitar players and singers.

“The ‘All-Star’ open mic is going to be good because it is bringing a lot of different people together, different genres or different sides of the music together in one event,” Todd said. “It shows unity among the music community.”

Todd said the open mic nights can provide relaxation during the semester.

“They get a chance to creatively express themselves,” Todd said. “Most musicians use music as an escape.”

Todd said he thinks the open mic will be a good ending to the semester.

“Everyone will come together and we will have a last night of the art type deal, just to close out the semester,” Todd said. “It’ll be a last hurrah, an end of the year mainstage party with all the years talents.”

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WEBCT

WebCT replacement narrowed down

Staff Report

Learning Management System Demonstrations from vendors will replace WebCT beginning today.

Eastern’s contract with WebCT expires in December 2011.

The Academic Technology and Instructional Support Subcommittee narrowed the WebCT replacement search to four vendors.

Each vendor will provide two dem-

onstrations, and the campus community is invited to attend.

The demonstrations will be in the Rathskeller Loft in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The first demonstration is today from 9 to 11 a.m. and from noon to 2 p.m.

The demonstration will be given from Blackboard Inc. representatives

Those in attendance will be asked to complete a confidentiality agreement.

UNION, from page 1

“More than likely I speculate that all of the Atlantic East Coast will be opened up; however, this will not increase oil production because there is little oil there,” he said.

Zei said the offshore drilling would have to be something that he would have to look into personally, but he did not think it would

play to well with the environmental crowd.

“I was kind of surprised that he has opened up offshore drilling,” Zei said. “Is it going to be worth it as a whole?”

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MARKET, from page 1

The mezzanine also features blown up, black and white historical images from Eastern’s past that County Market acquired from Booth Library.

Michelle Evans, a Charleston resident and County Market shopper, waited in the checkout line that curved around the aisles and wound through the frozen section.

Evans, who said her husband was the one who convinced her to come to the opening, said she liked the new self-serve Caribou Coffee machine and the fact that the new store offered organic selections.

Evans said her daughter, an Eastern student, liked to eat healthy and appreciated the fact that County Market had new organic offerings.

Emily Gardewine, a junior art major and cake decorator at County Market, said she works at the store two days during the week and also on the weekends.

Gardewine also said she loves the new state-of-the-art ovens and equipment in the bakery.

“(They) makes beautiful, beautiful bread,” Gardewine said.

Judith Stapp, of Charleston, said she usually shops at County Market once a week and loves the new building.

“Awesome. That’s the only word you can think of,” Stapp said. “It’s so much bigger, so much better and so much more choice.”

John Taber, the store director of the Charleston County Market, said the new store has been a work in progress for a year or two.

“You can’t imagine how many hours,” Taber said.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony, the County Market workers and Taber used a giant pair of gold novelty scissors, provided to them by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Members from County Market’s parent company, Neimann Foods, Inc., gave a small presentation where they discussed the need for the new building and how the old building will be torn down within the next 30 days to provide ad-

ditional parking for the new store.

Jim Cox, vice president and director of operations, and Chris Neimann, the executive vice president and chief financial officer, awarded President Bill Perry and Barbara Burke, the director of Eastern’s athletic department, with a \$10,000 check to the Panther Club.

“We look forward to a growing relationship with EIU,” Chris said.

Mayor John Inyart also spoke during the presentation, thanking County Market and Neimann Foods for the investment in the Charleston community with the new store. Inyart also said there was a need for the new store and he appreciated Neimann Foods for recognizing that need.

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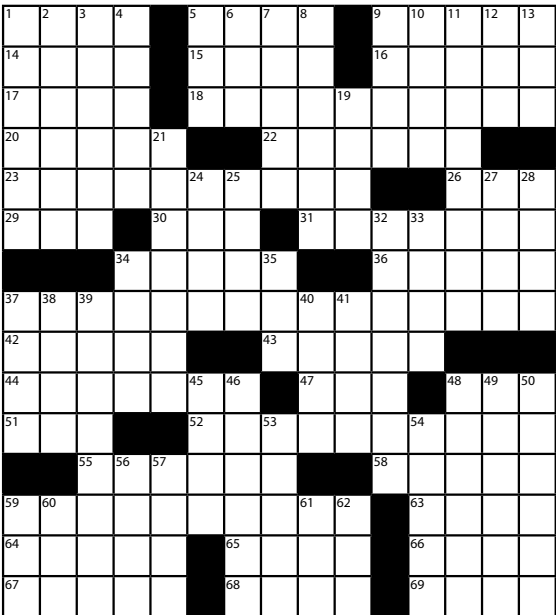
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VIEWS

Panthers enter crucial stretch



Rob Mortell

At 2-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference, Eastern's men's basketball team is in less than an ideal spot in the conference standings.

The Panthers have lost three consecutive OVC games, with a tough stretch coming up they could find themselves in a bigger hole come conference tournament time.

With probably their toughest stretch of the season coming up, the Panthers could find themselves on the outside looking in at the tournament.

The first game in this stretch is against Jacksonville State, and it will be the only easy win Eastern will have. The Gamecocks have improved from last season, but they are still a bottom dweller in the lowly OVC. At 2-6 in conference play, Jacksonville State is ranked 10th in the standings. The Panthers should have little trouble getting a win on the road, but then the schedule takes a hard turn.

Eastern then travels to Murray, Ky. To take on the No. 9 ranked Murray State Racers. The Panthers were blown out at home by the Racers and will most likely have an even harder time on the road.

The Panthers then return to Charleston for a three-game home stand, but all three games are against tough teams.

First entering Lantz Arena is Southeast Missouri State, who the Panthers lost to on the road 80-73 in the first meeting. SEMO is currently 5-2 in the OVC, which puts them in second place.

Then the Panthers take on Eastern Kentucky. The Colonels are always a solid, not-great team, but they will provide a challenge for Eastern. This should be a winnable game and hopefully give the team a little momentum heading forward.

The final game of the home stand is against defending conference champion Morehead State. Morehead lost a lot of its talent over the off-season, but it is still one of the better teams in the conference. At 4-4 the Eagles are tied for sixth in the standings, but if the Panthers want a shot at the conference tournament this is a must-win game.

Rounding out the very tough streak is Tennessee Tech. It is a fundamentally sound team that can beat teams with the three-point shot or down low. The Golden Eagles are 4-3 in the OVC right now and should stay above the .500 mark when this game is played, meaning this will be a hard but winnable game for the Panthers.

If all goes well, the Panthers should hope to end this stretch at 3-3 or 4-2, and be in a good position to make a push in the conference tournament. But if their current streak continues they could easily go 1-5 or 0-6. A losing skid like that would guarantee a seat at home, while the majority of the OVC is fighting for a tournament championship.

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Then, from playing shutdown defense, Crunk's offensive game came alive. Eastern went on a 21-2 run to end the half and Crunk scored 10 of her 19 points during that stretch. She hit 2-of-3 three-pointers during the run, too.

All of Crunk's skills came to the forefront against Austin Peay, especially her three-point stroke, which she'd worked endlessly to find all season.

Crunk said there were "little things" in her shooting form that were throwing the ball off, which she had to fix with the help of assistant coach Lee Buchanan; however, she said a lot of her early season troubles from long range were because of something else.

"A lot of it has to do with my confidence," Crunk said. "If you step up there and really think you're going to make it and put time in the gym, sooner or later you'll make it."

Part of her success can be attributed to knowing where to be on the court to get the best shot, which stems back to knowing the holes in defenses.

Finding the open spots on the floor, Crunk said she trusted junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon to get her the ball. Once Crunk started making the three-pointers, she said it helped her confidence.

She has only made nine three-pointers all season; however, five have come in the last three games.

"It's just repetition," Sallee said. "You have to get in the gym. You've got to shoot."

Sallee said he tried not to mess with Crunk too much while she worked on her shot. He said he knew it'd come back to her. He said part of her troubles probably stemmed from dealing with a foot injury from April to Octo-

ber, which kept her from practicing and conditioning with the team.

"Now you're starting to see the speed of the game coming back to her, her rhythm coming back to her," Sallee said. "I kind of looked at the fact that she had been out and she was going to get there, and she was willing to work through it. I don't ever question her willingness to work. I knew it was coming."

Crunk said it was really tough for her to sit out, especially wanting to participate in all of the summer workouts with her teammates.

"I'm used to trying to play through everything," Crunk said. "I don't sit out."

Crunk said she ended up having to convince herself that sitting out was what was best for her health. When the season started, Crunk didn't miss any playing time.

Sallee said he can tell Crunk is now starting to get back the pace and feel for the game, and he said he is excited to have his "sixth starter" back.

He said having a player like her, with her high basketball IQ, coming off the bench is "priceless."

"Even though she could start for us, and has started for us, to have that basketball IQ with that toughness coming off the bench in that sixth man role; man, it just makes us click," Sallee said.

Crunk said she likes her role on the team because she does get to watch the game and take advantage of her high IQ.

"That's how I am," Crunk said. "I study people. I go off that."

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MEN'S TRACK

Gorol looking for best competition

German runner joins Eastern track team

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Freshman sprinter Stefan Gorol left his hometown of Augsburg, Germany, to enroll at Eastern for one basic reason: to run.

"I applied for an athletic scholarship," he said. "A friend of mine asked me if I wanted to apply for one, because he did it, and I thought, 'Why not?' So I applied for a scholarship."

Gorol heard back from many universities, but said he liked Eastern the best because of its track and field team.

"Several universities replied, I chose Eastern, basically because of the team," he said. "We have a really good track team, that was actually the reason."

Gorol spoke with Tom Akers, director of track and field, several times, and the deal was done. Gorol was go-

ing to be a Panther.

"I really like it. It's pretty cool," he said. "We have a really good team and practice is hard, but it's fun."

Another big reason Gorol came to Eastern was because of the high amount of competition in the United States as compared to Germany.

"It's pretty competitive here," he said. "In Germany, it's smaller, so you travel around a lot, and I'm basically always competing against the same guys in Germany; very good ones, often."

Gorol said that even with the large amount of competition amongst Eastern's own team, even practices are competitive.

"Here there's so many fast guys, like even on our team," he said. "We've got so many fast guys."

Adjusting to a new home thousands of miles away hasn't been exceptionally difficult for Gorol. He said that he likes his new home so much that it doesn't make him miss his old one.

"Charleston is small, but it's nice," he said. "I don't miss home too much. It's probably just the little

things."

Gorol said he misses his family and friends most of all.

"I miss my family, of course, and some of my friends, but I've made so many friends here, so it's not too bad."

He said that the small town has everything a college student would need.

"I like Charleston. Charleston is good," Gorol said. "There's a university and I hang out with my teammates and my friends, and that's all I basically need."

Gorol has had some time to venture outside of Charleston. He has visited Chicago twice.

"I went twice to Chicago," he said. "Chicago is really awesome, it's a really amazing city."

Gorol will get to see another city this weekend, Bloomington, Ind., when he and the rest of the Panthers travel to compete in the Indiana Relays on Friday and Saturday.

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He stands 5-foot-10-inches, weighs 175 pounds and runs a 4.5 40-yard dash, with a vertical leap of 33-inches. Graduating from Kamehameha High School in the spring, Choy was named to the 2011 All-Hawaii Football Team.

The Panthers do have two Illinois recruits in Jimmy Lowery and Anthony Taylor, both of Montini Catholic

High School.

Lowery, an offensive lineman, has committed to Eastern according to Rivals.com and is also a two-star recruit according to the website. Taylor, listed as an athlete, played wide receiver in high school.

Montini Catholic knocked off Joliet Catholic in the IHSA state title game

by a record score of 70-45.

National Signing Day is Feb. 1, and the Panthers' first game is against Southern Illinois-Carbondale on Aug. 30.

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TOP CAT

The value of a great basketball mind

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

If Jordyne Crunk's basketball IQ had a P.O. Box, it'd be filled with "Thank You" letters from Eastern's women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee.

Crunk, a sophomore guard, has had multiple moments in her young Eastern career when her incredible basketball IQ helped her and the team become successful in a game.

The most recent example was in Saturday's game against Austin Peay, when Crunk entered the game with 7:26 to go in the first half to guard Whitney Hanley, who scored 11 points to that point.

Crunk, having studied the game and Hanley's play from the sideline in the first half, had a plan of attack to shut Hanley down. Hanley didn't score a point the rest of the game.

"You feel sometimes that you do get an advantage sitting on the bench," Crunk said. "You see all the gaps, where you can penetrate, all that stuff."

Crunk said she noticed gaps in the zone defense Austin Peay was playing in — potential scoring points for her. Crunk scored 19 points in the game.

"When I got in there I had seen where the gaps were, so whenever I'd run through them on offense, I'd try to stay in them," Crunk said.

Crunk knew from studying film and seeing Hanley play early in the game that she could shoot from the three-point line, drive into the paint and have good range shooting the ball.

Crunk entered the game and didn't give up a point versus Hanley, knowing what she was capable of; but to say

Crunk single-handedly shut Hanley down is incorrect, Crunk said.

"I was just a different person," Crunk said. "Sometimes when you just switch up the defender that's enough."

It also helps to keep Hanley from getting to the free-throw line, getting offensive rebounds and getting put backs, Sallee said.

Sallee said Crunk was the final piece of the puzzle once the defense took away Hanley's ability to do those things.

"Jordyne gave us the last ingredient that locked (Hanley) down completely," Sallee said. "(She) didn't give her room, made her make tough catches. She had to catch it four or five steps off the three-point line. And now she's out of those scoring areas."

Sallee said Crunk was locked into the game when she entered to guard Hanley. This is where Crunk's basketball IQ was affective. Crunk had learned what she needed to do to stop her from scoring.

"That's the thing Jordyne does that doesn't show up in stats," Sallee said. "She sits over there on the bench and watches the first five minutes. Clearly she was watching what Hanley was doing."

"There's an agenda when she goes out there. She doesn't go out there haphazardly and just play. She has been watching Hanley make shot after shot after shot, and how she was making shot after shot after shot, and she went out there and did something about it."

Crunk's plan began to play out perfectly at the appropriate time, when Eastern was trailing 26-22 at that 7:26 mark in the first half.

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This week's top cat Jordyne Crunk, a sophomore guard, had 11 points, four rebounds and five assists in her last game against Tennessee State.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Freshman tennis player OK to play



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Sophomore Janelle Prisner competes April 9 during a home tennis match against Murray State on the Rex Darling courts.

By Grant Truccano
Staff Reporter

The Eastern's women's tennis team is ready to start off its spring season, especially freshman Sephora Boulbahacim.

Boulbahacim, the only freshman on the team this year, comes from Zonhoven, Belgium, to join the Panther team. Boulbahacim is the only international player on the women's roster this season, while the

men's roster has three in seniors Jamie Firth (Australia), Matyas Hilgert (Czech Republic) and freshman David Constantinescu (Canada).

Boulbahacim had a knee injury and did not find out until Tuesday that she would be able to compete in Friday's match against the Western Michigan Broncos.

With that, the Panthers will have veteran leadership returning with three seniors. Shannon Brooks, Amanda Dibbs, and Annie Egan will

each be returning to the Panthers for their senior season. Dibbs sported the best record of any member on the roster, finishing the season with a record of 8-7.

Other players returning to the team are sophomore Jennifer Kim, junior Kristen Laird, and junior Merritt Whitley.

"She feels pretty good about getting back to the rhythm of things and is ready to play again," sophomore Janelle Prisner said.

Prisner also said that Boulbahacim is adjusting to the team well.

Some of Prisner's biggest focuses for this season are to improve and get back to the hang of things as she plays. She also wants to work on her consistency and mental toughness. She is excited for her first match against the Broncos.

"I am always excited for my first match because it gets me back into the groove of things," Prisner said.

She said she has prepared herself for her first match by practicing, weightlifting and working out, as well as competing in tournament play with the team.

Prisner's biggest personal goal for herself is that she wants to make it to the Ohio Valley Conference Championship and win it.

Prisner finished last season with an overall record of 5-11 and 2-6 in the OVC.

Last season, the women's team finished with an overall record of 6-10, finishing 2-6 in the OVC. The Panthers lost seven straight matches before finally defeating Southeast Missouri by a score of 5-2 in the team's season finale.

Head coach John Blackburn will return to coach the team in what will be his seventh season leading the Panthers.

The Panthers' first match will be at 1 p.m. this Friday as they travel to Danville to take on Western Michigan.

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FOOTBALL

Big recruits eye Panthers

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With National Signing Day on Feb. 1, Eastern's football team has already locked down quite a few commits for the 2012 season.

One commit is defensive end/outside linebacker Tyler Paulsen. Paulsen, who played at Lake Travis High School in Austin, Texas, had previously been considering the University of Wyoming, decided to commit to Eastern after he made his official visit to the university.

"The coaches were great," Paulsen said. "They made me feel like they wanted me and that's where I needed to be."

Another factor that lead to Paulsen's decision was that he had family that lived close by, so he said living far away from home doesn't faze him.

"It doesn't faze me because I have family that live two hours away from the campus; and my mom is going to be coming up, so I'm not worried about how worried about how far it is away," he said.

The next big factor that led to Paulsen's decision was new head coach Dino Babers. Paulsen said he had known Babers back in his Baylor days and that helped make his decision easier.

"I met him before when he was at Baylor, so I had a good idea of who he was and what he had accomplished," he said.

Paulsen, who describes himself as a speed rush player, stands at 6-foot-1-inch, 225 pounds. According to recruiting website Rivals.com, Paulsen runs a 4.6 second 40-yard dash, while having a max bench press of 345 pounds and a max squat of 415 pounds. Paulsen's Lake Travis High School is the first football program in Texas to have won five straight state championships.

Another commit incoming from the Lone Star State is Frenship High School running back Bobby Huey. Huey, who is a 5-foot-10-inch, 210 pounder, runs a 4.4 second 40-yard dash.

Huey said it was a combination of the area and the coaching staff that led him to his decision.

"It's just like home, pretty much. It's just a little bit colder," he said. "Not only that, the coaching staff. They've got a great coaching staff."

Like Paulsen, Huey also felt he had a good relationship with the coaches, especially Babers.

"He's a great guy surrounded by a great group of coaches. I clicked well with the coaches, clicked well with the players."

Huey and Paulsen are two of three potential signees from the state of Texas, the third being Keiondre Gober, a safety, also from Frenship High School. According to ESPN.com, Gober is 6-foot-2-inches and 185 pounds, while running 4.63 second 40-yard dash.

Huey said he is excited about bringing the Texas style of football to Charleston.

"I'm from Texas, that's where the ballplayers are at," he said.

Another defensive back that could potentially be signing with the Panthers on National Signing Day is Micah "Pono" Choy of Honolulu, Hawaii. Choy has committed to the Panthers, according to the Pacific Islands Athletic Alliance.

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